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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Stefano Karmis

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 November 2004.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3 and 5 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☐ Claim(s) 1,3 and 5 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. The following communication is in response to Applicant's amendment filed on 22 November 2004.

Status of Claims

2. Claims 1 and 3 are currently amended. Claim 5 is previously presented. Claims 2, 4, 6, and 7 are cancelled. Therefore Claims 1, 3 and 5 are pending.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 22 November 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive as discussed below. Therefore, claims 1, 3 and 5 remain rejected as stated in the previous office action, mailed 09 November 2004, and Applicant's request for allowance is respectfully declined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1, 3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Motoyama, U.S. Patent 5,913,202.

Claims 1, 3 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Motoyama, U.S. Patent 5,913,202 as stated in the previous office action, mailed 09 November 2004. Regarding claim 1, Applicant contests that Motoyama fails to teach “a client computer directly notifying a financial institution server to send asset information to a unified asset management server.” The Examiner respectfully disagrees. As the Applicant mentions, Motoyama teaches that the financial information intermediary system, which performs the functions of the unified asset manager server in the present application, can be realized as an integral part of each client terminal (column 4, lines 53-58). Therefore, if the financial delivery computer is part of the client terminal and any request flowing from the financial delivery computer to a financial institution server is also flowing directly from the client terminal to the

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financial intuition server due to their ability to be arranged as part of one another. Applicant is reminded that claims must be given the broadest reasonable interpretation *In re Hyatt*, 211 F.3d 1367, 1372, 54 USPQ2d 1664, 1667 (Fed. Cir. 2000).

Applicant further contests that that Motoyama fails to teach that the said financial institution server provides authentication when said unified asset management server is the server specified in the notification from said client computer. The Examiner respectfully disagrees, to report and present account balance, a client is prompted to enter his/her electronic signature and public key information for client authentication and security purposes (column 9, lines 18-30). This step of authentication during report and presentation of account balance is performed at Step S6 and is performed by the financial institution server in response to a fund request allocation from the financial delivery computer (Figure 4).

Claim 3 is amended in a similar manner to that of claim 1 and therefore the reasons for rejections follow a similar pattern as discussed above for claim 1. Claim 5 is dependent upon claim 1 and remains rejected based upon dependency. Therefore claims 1, 3 and 5 remain rejected and Applicant's request for allowance is respectfully declined.

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

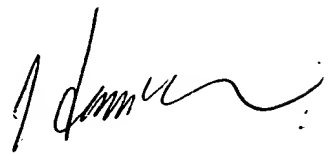
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stefano Karmis whose telephone number is (703) 305-8130. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on (703) 308-1065. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Respectfully Submitted
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